

**St. John's Episcopal School**  
**Summer Reading for 2017**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

This summer you will read three (3) novels: the required reading novel, a novel from the suggested reading list, and a novel of your own choosing.

**REQUIRED READING:**

***Hoot*** by Carl Hiaasen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Create a reading log and please have a parent initial and date each selection when completed. Any books read beyond the summer requirements should also be included on the list. **You will turn in this log on the first day of school.**

Read, read, read and enjoy your summer!

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**SUGGESTED READING (you must choose one of these):**

Avi. ***Crispin: The Cross of Lead***. 2002.

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Barnhill, Kelly. ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon***. 2016.

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Bell, Cece. ***El Deafo***. 2014.

A graphic novel memoir of author/illustrator Cece Bell who grew up hearing impaired.

Benjamin, Ali. ***The Thing About Jellyfish***. 2015.

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. ***The War that Saved My Life***. 2015.

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Cheng, Jack. *See You in the Cosmos*. 2017.

Eleven-year-old Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on a golden iPod he intends to launch into space.

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts*. 2004.

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Cushman, Karen. *The Midwife's Apprentice*. 1995.

In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Raymie Nightingale*. 2016.

Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.

Ellis, Deborah. *The Breadwinner*. 2000.

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.

Graff, Lisa. *Lost in the Sun*. 2015.

As Trent Zimmerman struggles to move past a traumatic event that took place several months earlier, he befriends class outcast Fallon Little, who helps him understand that he can move on.

Gibbs, Stuart. *Space Case: A Moon Base Alpha Novel*. 2014.

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.

Hale, Shannon. *Princess Academy*. 2005.

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Holm, Jennifer L. *The Fourteenth Goldfish*. 2014.

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

Hoose, Phillip. *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club*. 2015.

The true story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion during World War II.

Korman, Gordon. *Ungifted*. 2012.

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Levine, Kristin. *The Lions of Little Rock*. 2012.

Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.

Nielsen, Jennifer A. *A Night Divided*. 2015.

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West--four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

Sands, Kevin. *The Blackthorn Key*. 2015.

In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend Tom try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.

Shusterman, Neal. *Everlost*. 2006.

When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where, although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.

Sloane, Holly Goldberg. *Counting by 7s*. 2013.

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Stead, Rebecca. *Liar & Spy*. 2012.

Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.

Turnage, Sheila. *Three Times Lucky*. 2012.

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

Vanderpool, Clare. *Moon Over Manifest*. 2010.

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.